

## Fort Sam Houston remembers Lt. Gen. William Caldwell III

By Fort Benning and  
Army North Public Affairs

"If it is something that you want to do, then it is a great life," said former Fifth Army Commander, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell III, in an interview with Southwest Magazine in June 1979. "However, it is not an easy life."

Caldwell, who died March 17 at the age of 87, spent 32 years living "a great life," serving the country he loved. He is remembered by his family and friends as a great American and an esteemed Soldier and warrior,

a devoted father, husband and adored grandfather.

Born in Fort Moultrie, S.C., July 20, 1925, Caldwell was raised in an environment emulating the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. His father served as an Army officer for 37 years and created a family atmosphere of dedication in service to others.

This atmosphere of dedication in service to others would not only epitomize Caldwell's life and career, but he also passed it on to his children.

His son, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U. S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, has carried on his family's tradition of service with now more than 100 years of cumulative military service between the three of them.

After graduating from West Point in 1948, Caldwell was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry and attended ground general school at Fort Riley, Kan., then Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Caldwell led troops in combat twice. The first was as a lieutenant during the Korean War, where he was awarded a Silver Star July 19, 1950, for leading an assault on the enemy's lines.

The second time he received a Silver Star was eight months later for leading a counterat-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes

Retired Lt. Gen. William Caldwell III (far right) salutes alongside his son, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (third from right), along with Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr., commanding general, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, during Caldwell IV's assumption of command for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) Jan. 12, 2012. Caldwell III, who spent 32 years in the Army, was commanding general of Fifth Army from July 1978 until his retirement in 1980.

tack Feb. 3, 1951, against the Chinese.

Nearly 17 years later, as a Colonel, he deployed to Vietnam as the commander of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. He would earn his third Silver Star in Vietnam while with the "Big Red One." He was also awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device on three occasions.

Caldwell's combat experience strengthened his belief that Soldiers should not be sent to combat unless the nation is fully committed.

"We must never commit our Soldiers to combat where they

can be killed or maimed unless we are going to go in with the intent of winning," he said, during an interview while commander of Fifth Army.

In July 1978, he was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of Fifth Army at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. At Fifth Army, he oversaw the training of about 270,000 National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

Caldwell, who retired in 1980, was able to see his son assume command of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) in 2012.

As the "CG" (as his Soldiers

called him) of Fifth Army, he said he was very proud of the Army he was leading.

"We have great Soldiers," he said. "We are better trained and better equipped than we have ever been in peace time. Pound for pound, Soldier for Soldier, buck for buck – America's peacetime Army is the best we've had during my 31 years of service."

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (right), stands with his father, retired Lt. Gen. William Caldwell III, Jan. 11, 2012, in the Army North Quadrangle.



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# Army announces additional changes to officer evaluation report system

**By Lt. Col. Bettina Avent**  
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In a soon-to-be released video, Gen. Ray Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, said the officer evaluation report system is an integral component of the Army's leader development program.

"It helps identify the best Army officers with the strongest potential to lead the Army of the future," he added.

Because the Army wanted a more transparent process for officer assignments and selections so it can better identify the best performers and those with great potential, Odierno said it started a top-to-bottom review in 2010 of the OER system.

The current system has been in use since 1997 and is successful, but must continue to evolve as conditions change and our Army

and nation have grown.

"Evaluations are a critical element of the Army's leader development system," Odierno added. "It is important that we adapt the OER to changing conditions and our strategic environment."

The revised OER system will align evaluation criteria with current Army leadership doctrine and help more accurately evaluate the performance and potential of Army officers.

The revised OER also clarifies the roles and responsibilities of individuals in the rating chain focusing raters on assessment of performance and senior raters on the potential for promotion, command, and advanced military schools. By further defining the role of members in the rating chain, the Army is strengthening rating chain accountability.

The Army continues to



Courtesy photo

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examine the evaluation system. The most recent change includes retaining the four-block system in the senior-rater portion of the evaluation with a top box managed at 49 percent for all grades.

The labels for the four boxes will be: Most Qualified (top box), Highly Qualified, Qualified and

Not Qualified. Senior-rater profiles will transition to the new system.

Additional decisions made pertain to the OER support form and the management of rating schemes. The OER support form will realign to reflect objectives and accomplishments according to leader attributes and competencies. The

OER support form will be required for warrant officer 1 through colonel.

To provide for increased transparency and leader development, AR 623-3, Evaluation Reporting System will include new language for commanders and rating officials, including commanders will normally rate commanders and rating schemes will be approved one level up (to lieutenant general level).

The feedback regarding OER changes has been positive and we expect the new OER to greatly assist raters and senior raters to accurately and fairly identify the Army's best officers.

The Army is also conducting a review of the Non-Commissioned Officer Evaluation System and it is expected to follow the release of the OER by 12 to 18 months.

The Army continually strives to identify the best performers and those with the most potential to ensure that future leaders and the officer corps of the Army are the very best and most qualified the Army can offer to meet the needs of our nation.

## Army Media Contest winners announced



The U.S. Army announced the results of the 2012 Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Public Affairs Awards Communication Competition March 21, with several members of Joint Base San Antonio garnering honors.

The competition

recognizes Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees for excellence in furthering the objectives of the Department of the Army Public Affairs program. The Secretary of the Army sponsors this competition annually.

The Office of the Chief of Public Affairs conducts judging with a goal of ensuring the best internal information efforts receive recognition for professional excellence and outstanding achievement.

In Print Category F: Outstanding Initiative in New Media, U.S. Army Installation Management Command Public Affairs took second place with their "Mobile MWR."

In Print Category I: News Article (Civilian), Gregory Rippes from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade took third place with his submission titled "717<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion Course Develops Junior Leaders," which appeared in the Aug. 26 edition of the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston News Leader.

In Print Category L: Personality Feature Article (Civilian), Steven Galvan from the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research won second place for his submission titled "Where They Are Now: Wounded Warrior 'Full of Heart.'"

In Print Category N: Sports Article (Civilian), Tim Hipps from the U.S. Army Installation Management Command took first place with his article titled "Hancock First Olympic Champion to Repeat in Men's Skeet."

Hipps' submission will be entered in the Department of Defense's Thomas Jefferson Awards, which judges media submissions from all services.

In Community Relations Category C: Special Events, U.S. Army North Public Affairs took second place with their submission titled "Saluting Our Vietnam Veterans - 50 years since the War." Part of the submission included the insert which appeared in the Nov. 2 News Leader.



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### Active Shooter Training Briefing

The 502nd Security Forces Squadron offers an active shooter training briefing at 2 p.m. Friday at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. Army service members can also complete this training online during their annual Anti-Terrorism Level I training requirement at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>, while Air Force service members and civilians can click on <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil/kc/login/login.asp>. Units on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston can request a trainer to come to their location by calling 221-2354.

### JA Claims Office Closure

The Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office will be closed Friday, with regular office operations resuming Monday. Call 221-2161 or 221-1973 for more information.

### AMEDDC&S Change of Responsibility

Army Medical Department Center and School Command Sgt. Maj. James Diggs will transfer responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. William Franklin during a ceremony 9 a.m. Wednesday at the main flagpole at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

### AMEDDC&S Health Fair

The Army Medical Department Center and School's Department of Preventive Health Services hosts a health fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Building 2841, in the Willis Hall food court. The fair, titled "Public Health is Return On Investment: Save Lives, Save Money," includes information about fad diets/supplements, healthy eating, relaxation, spiritual health, exercise and running, a sports shoe clinic, holistic medicine, immunizations, safe sex/sexually transmitted diseases, hypertension prevention and management, diabetes, hearing and vision conservation, and other informational and interactive presentations. A music ensemble from the U.S. Air Force Band will play from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 221-7409 for more information.

### AMEDDC&S Change of Command

Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe will relinquish command of the Army Medical Department Center and School to Col. Randall Anderson during a ceremony 9 a.m. April 5 at MacArthur Parade Field at Joint

# Foreign liaison officers critical to Army South's success

By Robert R. Ramon  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Building partner nation capacity in the Southern Hemisphere is a priority for the U.S. Army. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the U.S. Army South foreign liaison program.

The Army South staff knows well the benefits of including foreign liaison officers as part of the team.

"They are absolutely critical to our mission at Army South," said Col. James K. Rose, ARSOUTH's security cooperation division chief. "They help us increase our contact with our partners and synchronize our partner nation activities."

Three FLOs serve at the Army South headquarters.

They are Col. Javier Assadi, a Chilean armor officer who previously commanded the 5th Reinforced Regiment,

"Lanceros," in Puerto Natales, Chile; Col. Jaime Henry, a Colombian infantry officer who has served as commander in tactical units, operational units and as chief of staff and second in command of Colombian army special forces units; and Maj. Marcello Yoshida, a Brazilian cavalry officer who recently graduated from the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The Army Foreign Liaison Officer Program was created to foster cooperation and mutual understanding between the U.S. Army and armies of partner nations, said Rose. They are an integral part of the team and they help us to better meet the needs of both Army South and our partner nations.

"We consult with them on our bilateral activities," Rose said.

"They are a bridge across linguistic or cultural nuances between our armies and they help us to maintain a steady state of engagement."

According to Assadi, working as part of the Army South team helps to strengthen the bonds between partner nation armies.

"Having me here makes it easier for the U.S. and Chilean armies to work together," Assadi said. "I'm here to support the coordination for any activities that happen between our armies and it's important for me to maintain lessons learned and continue the knowledge base between our countries."

Henry said the personal relationships he builds while working side-by-side with the Army South staff are key to maintaining strong army-to-army partnerships.

"The most important thing in ensuring the successful execution of our mission is the human relationships we're building," Henry said. "Communicating face-to-face is critical to ensure steps are being conducted that can help for the successful completion of our mission."

Each FLO serves at least one year at the Army South headquarters before being replaced by another officer from his or her country.

Yoshida arrived at Army South less than a year ago and said he has already seen the

Rose said partner armies typically hand-pick "seasoned, professional officers who come with a wealth of tactical and operational experience."

The quality of officers assigned here as part of the Army South FLO program is key since they play an important role in the accomplishment of the overall Army South mission.

"In terms of Army South's enduring priorities, a key component is our partners within the region," Rose said. "We would not be as successful without our FLOs."

## SOLDIER PRESENTED PURPLE HEART MEDAL AT WFSC



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr. (left), deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), presents the Purple Heart Medal to Spc. Abdullah Savage March 18 during a ceremony in the Purple Heart Courtyard of the Warrior and Family Support Center. Savage was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, when he was wounded in a vehicle-borne improvised-explosive device attack on his combat outpost in Afghanistan. He is currently with Company B, Warrior Transition Battalion at Brooke Army Medical Center.



Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Marcello Yoshida (right), a Brazilian foreign liaison officer recently assigned to U.S. Army South, visits with Lt. Col. Marcos Americo, the outgoing Brazilian ARSOUTH FLO, Jan. 7.

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month: 'We own it ... We'll solve it ... Together'

**By Maj. Daniel R. Katka**  
Sexual Assault Prevention and  
Response Community Relations  
Program Director

April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month by the Department of Defense and Joint Base San Antonio to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence.

The 2013 campaign theme is "We own it ... We'll solve it ... Together."

**We own it:** We own this problem and recognize the impact it has on our personnel and mission readiness.

**We'll solve it:** Leaders spearhead efforts

to establish a culture where bystanders intervene, offenders are held accountable, victims are supported and every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine is treated with dignity and respect.

**Together:** Reinforces the idea that to be successful, we must work together across DOD and in our local communities to combat sexual assault.

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month

proclamation ceremony takes place at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797.

Other JBSA SAAM activities include:

- Free self-defense classes. Classes have a

maximum of 60 students. No registration required, classes are first come first serve. Classes are held at JBSA-Lackland's Warhawk Fitness Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 10, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's Jimmy Brought Fitness Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 17 and at JBSA-Randolph's Rambler Fitness Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 24.

- "Choose Respect" teen dance. At the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Building 1630 on Watkins Road from 6 to 11 p.m. April 26. Teens between the ages of 13 to 18 are invited to the center for a dance and game night. Requires parent permission slip. Call 221-3502 or 671-7374 for more information.

- Information tables. Sexual assault reali-

ties, victim services and prevention tips will be distributed across JBSA.

- Teal Ribbon campaign. As the color representing SAAM, teal ribbons will be placed around the JBSA community to show support for victims recovering from sexual assault.

- Social media blitz. Catch facts, stats, and prevention tips in the News Leader, Talespinner and Wingspread and also on the JBSA Facebook and Twitter pages.

The JBSA Sexual Assault hotline is 808-7272 and the JBSA sexual assault response coordinator can be reached at 808-0110 or 808-6316.

Soldiers can call the Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention number at 221-0598, while Sailors and Marines can call the Navy SARC at 221-1496.







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### AMEDDC&S Retirement and Retreat Ceremony

The Army Medical Department Center and School will host a Retirement and Retreat Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. April 5 in honor of Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe at the main flagpole at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

### Military Clothing Sales Offer Free Alterations For Wounded Warriors

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers free alterations and modifications for severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers at all 79 Army Military Clothing stores around the world. This Army-led initiative ensures all wounded Soldiers receive free alterations and modifications on all issued uniforms in accordance with the Wounded Warrior Clothing Support Program, to include the Army Service, Combat and Improved Physical Fitness uniforms as well as undergarments. Eligible Soldiers must present an approved Army Form 3078 along with the prescribed modifications by their physical or occupational therapist to receive free services.

### CPAC Furlough Call Center

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center established a Furlough Call Center. If people have any furlough questions, they can call 466-3065 or 221-1425 or email [usarmy.jbsa.hqda-cpac.mbx.inquiry@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.hqda-cpac.mbx.inquiry@mail.mil). For the latest furlough information, visit the CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/>.

### OCS Structure Interview Panel Board April 10

The 502nd Force Support Squadron's Military Personnel Branch conducts an Army Officer Candidate School Structure Interview Panel Board at 8 a.m. April 10 in Room 117B of Building 2263 on Stanley Road. All Soldiers must have a bachelor's degree and cannot be over the age of 32. All OCS applicants must see their S1/G1 prior to submitting their OCS packets, which must be turned by Friday. Call 221-0885 for more information. For complete listing and checklist of the OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/Operations/Accessions/OCS/index.htm>.

# Army North senior leaders discuss professional development of Soldiers

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Senior noncommissioned officers from U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) gathered recently at the command's main conference room in the Quadrangle to discuss the importance of being directly involved in the professional development of their Soldiers.

As the Army continues to adjust following the completion of its mission in Iraq and the winding down of operations in Afghanistan, Army leaders are emphatically emphasizing the importance of standards and integrated training.

Much of the responsibility for ensuring those standards are known, understood and met will,



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) senior enlisted leaders listen as Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, Army North, shares his insights on potential changes to noncommissioned officer evaluations. Rhodes met with his enlisted leaders at the main conference room in the Army North historic Quadrangle.

naturally, fall upon the "backbone" of the Army.

"Normally, the information flow is more

than adequate to keep noncommissioned officers informed," said ARNORTH Command

Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, who gathered his senior enlisted leaders to discuss the way ahead.

"However, there is so much going on; we need to take the time to add fidelity."

The growth of the profession, of being a Soldier, is greatly enhanced when leaders interact with one another, said Rhodes, adding that Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, the commanding general of Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, talks to him every day about the command's noncommissioned officers and their importance to the command in accomplishing its missions.

Holding leaders accountable for "growing" their Soldiers professionally is the key to success, said Command Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin Sr., Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Army North. And regardless of the methodology used, he said direct interaction is essential.

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## Patient feedback system debuts online

By Staff Sgt. Corey Hook  
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense has created a fast and easy way for patients to provide feedback on healthcare services they receive at San Antonio Military Health System facilities. Military treatment facilities in San Antonio are using the Interactive Customer Evaluation system to improve services provided to beneficiaries.

In addition to ICE being available on any computer with internet access, there are five kiosks conveniently located at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgi-

cal Center, Reid Clinic, North Central Federal Clinic, and Randolph Clinic. If the internet is inaccessible, comment cards and drop boxes are located at all WHASC clinics.

"The goal of ICE is to provide a centralized system where patients can provide feedback on their experience of care," said Master Sgt. Beatris Douglass, 59th Medical Wing patient advocate.

"Patients also have the ability to view service providers' satisfaction ratings from previous surveys."

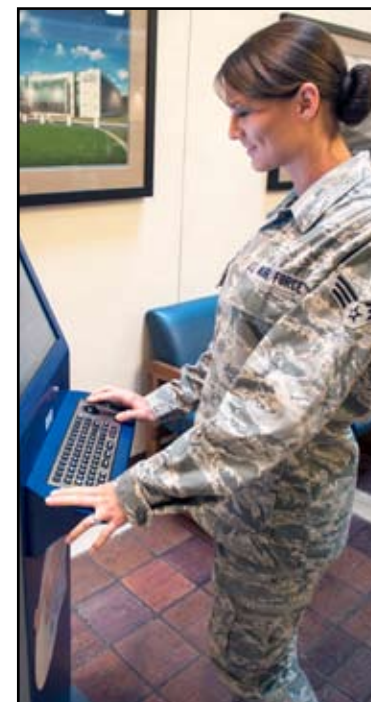
ICE aims to encourage communication across organizations by

comparing best practices to increase performance results. It also gives leadership timely data on service quality.

"The feedback is beneficial to our mission for improving the health of our Airmen and their family members," Douglass said. "It identifies areas of opportunity and ideas to improve upon them, as well as instilling a patient-centered culture."

"Our goal is to ensure all patients not only leave our facilities healthy, but thoroughly satisfied and confident in the services they received," she added.

To access ICE, visit <http://ice.disa.mil>.



Senior Airman Lindsey Antonovich uses an Interactive Customer Evaluation kiosk at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, March 20. Patients who receive care in San Antonio Military Health System facilities can provide feedback at ICE kiosks or online. Antonovich is a cardiopulmonary technician assigned to the 59th Training Squadron.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Hook



## AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND



**Photo by Joel Martinez**

(From left) Col. Gerald V. Goodfellow, 12th Flying Training Wing commander; Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Personnel Center commander; Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., Air Education and Training Command commander; and Brig. Gen. John P. Horner, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, sign their pledge forms for the Air Force Assistance Fund March 26 in General Rice's office at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.



**Photo by Mike Orear**

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter (center), Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, signs her Air Force Assistance Fund pledge at the wing headquarters on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Tuesday. The general is joined by JBSA AFAF Campaign leads (from left) 2nd Lt. Yuri Innis, 2nd Lt. Alexander Babbs-Butler, Capt. Celestine Lukshis, 1st Lt. Ryan Nichols and Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Key. The AFAF raises funds for four charitable affiliates that provide support to Air Force family members in need: Air Force Villages, Inc.; Air Force Aid Society, Inc.; the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation and Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.



## U.S. ARMY NORTH CULTIVATES LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE DURING COMPANY COMMANDER, FIRST SERGEANT COURSE



Capt. Camille Betito (left) compares command situations with Capt. Aaron Lemons during the Company Commander and First Sergeant Course March 13. The course is designed to provide company commanders and first sergeants with information and tools to help in their success in their leadership positions. Betito is the company commander for Dental Activity, Brooke Army Medical Center and Lemons is the operations officer with 232nd Medical Battalion. Army North hosted the event March 11 through 15 in Building 44.



**Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart**

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen Jr., deputy commanding general for support, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), offers leadership advice March 14 to the class attending the Company Commander and First Sergeant Course.

## ARMY SOUTH SOLDIERS TAKE ON BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH

Soldiers from U.S. Army South prepare to start the 24th annual Bataan Memorial Death March held at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. March 17. Pictured (from left) are Sgt. 1st. Class Terrance Houser, Sgt. Marco Borrego, Staff Sgt. Adam Flores, Maj. Mike Healy and Sgt. Robert Pontious. These Soldiers participated in the heavy category and carried 35-pound rucksacks for the duration of the event. The Bataan



Courtesy photo

Memorial Death March honors a group of World War II heroes who were responsible for the defense of the Philippines. On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino Soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines. They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the atrocities of prisoner-of-war camps. Many were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting them to Japan were sunk by unknowing U.S. Air and Naval forces.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT RECONDITIONS HORSE SLED

Members of Boy Scout Troop 23 of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston worked on reconditioning a training sled used by the Military Funeral Honors Platoon, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, as part of an Eagle Scout project



Photo by Capt. Eduardo M. Figueroa

Feb. 23 and 24. Evan Halverson's project was a major community service undertaking that used the teen's organizational and leadership skills, as well as physical abilities. Every project must be approved by the scout's troop leaders, as well as his council, and it is critical to get that approval before any work begins. Army North's Caisson and Military Honors Platoon is one of only two such units in the Department of Defense. It performs memorial affairs missions at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and supports local events.

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“You can’t beat engaged leaders,” said Chaplin. “It is important that leaders guide their Soldiers and keep them informed on what is happening in our Army.”

Rhodes’ spoke with his enlisted leaders about two of the priorities as given by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III: the Army Career Tracker and the NCOER.

He shared his insights on the proposed changes and the importance of understanding the SMA’s guidance and intent.

The Army Career Tracker is a Web-based leader development tool deployed in 2011. It integrates training, assignment history, formal/informal education paths and is accessed through Army Knowledge Online.

Soldiers can use the ACT to map out their career paths to maximize

their growth potential and perform career-development related activities, according to information on Army.mil.

“The expectations are to know what the career tracker is and what it can do,” Rhodes said. “You must use this tool and develop a plan for yourself, and you must train your Soldiers to become proficient with it as well.”

Along with familiarity with the tracker, another “key to success” is staying up to date on the structured self-development courses, which is Web-based training that enhances previously acquired skills, knowledge, behaviors and experience.

One of the key points of significance in the structured self-development is that it is also a prerequisite for attending noncommissioned officer education system courses.

Although it can prove challenging to access the

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SSD courses at times, and it is a matter of dedicating the time to the online training, it is vital for Soldiers to persevere and complete it.

The second item Rhodes discussed involved the proposed changes to the noncommissioned officer evaluation report, which are intended to align the document with current leadership doctrine and to reduce the potential for “inflation” of the evaluations themselves.

The proposed changes include a requirement for the senior rater to coun-

sel the rated individual twice during the rating period. In this, the senior rater’s focus is on the rated NCO’s potential.

The rater would continue to focus on the individual’s performance. The reviewer would focus on the accuracy of the content and whether the written bullets match the blocks as marked.

He also spoke of how the proposed changes would vary at the different ranks. For sergeants and staff sergeants, there would be only two check blocks under leader at-

tributes – meet or does not meet.

For sergeant first class, master sergeant and first sergeant, it will be the same but the senior rater profile will be included, he said. And for sergeant major and command sergeant major, there will be no blocks, only space for narrative.

It is imperative for all NCOs to “get on board,” said Rhodes, adding that “the requirements have been codified and the enlisted leaders must get their Soldiers intimately involved with the systems.

Many of the gathered senior leaders served in the early 1990s, when the Army also readjusted its focus and force structure following Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

One of the gathered leaders, 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls, Headquarters Support Company, HHBN, Army North, said it is important that Soldiers

understand the necessity of pending changes and that he believes it will serve as a “reality check” for some.

“There are no surprises coming with these changes,” Walls said. “While the systems take time to implement, you should devote the time to getting them done.”

He said it was good to hear Rhodes’ guidance on ensuring Soldiers understand the importance of doing the right things and in keeping themselves up-to-date.

“I’m very proud of us and what we do,” Rhodes said. “We are getting the missions done – and the missions are important to the American people.”

Rhodes said it is vital that Soldiers embrace their chosen profession.

“I want them to realize that if we don’t treat the Army as a profession,” he said, “it will be one in name only.”



# BRAIN INJURY

## doesn't 'mean you're broken,' Soldier says

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

Army Spc. Kevin Wear was riding in an armored vehicle in Afghanistan last summer when a roadside bomb exploded, tearing the vehicle into three pieces and killing three of the five passengers inside.

But Wear remembers nothing of that incident or anything that happened a few weeks prior. The blast injured his leg and caused a traumatic brain injury that left him in a coma for about a week and a half.

"I woke up in San Antonio," he said, referring to San Antonio Military Medical Center, "and was in an amnesia state for a month or so."

Nearly a year later, Wear is still coming to terms with the aftermath of his TBI. He struggles with short- and long-term memory, but has learned "tricks," such as association and rhyming, that

help him get by.

"Sometimes I have trouble, but I play it off," he said in an interview at the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion headquarters. "All five of my kids believe I'm Superman – the toughest, strongest guy in the world. I just want to keep that as long as I can. I don't want to feel different – or less."

Wear is one of the more than 266,000 military members who have sustained a TBI from 2000 to 2012, according to <http://www.Brainlinemilitary.org>. Additionally, each year, a reported 1.7 million civilian brain injuries occur in the United States.

TBI is defined as a disruption of function in the brain from an external force, such as a car accident or, as in Wear's case,

an explosion.

Brain injuries range in severity from a mild TBI, also known as a concussion, to a severe injury that involves an extended period of unconsciousness or amnesia.

Symptoms of a TBI are typically divided into three basic categories, explained Dr. Jan Kennedy, a neuropsychologist and senior scientific director for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Department of Neurology, San Antonio Military Medical Center.

These categories include cognitive, such as issues with memory and attention; emotional, such as depression, anxiety and irritability; and physiological, including headaches, dizziness and problems sleeping.

Spc. Rizaldy DeJesus refers to TBI as an "invisible wound" that's difficult for others to understand.

The Army medic was injured in Afghanistan in July 2011 while on a convoy delivering supplies to a forward operating base. The convoy was moving along a narrow hillside road when

an explosion knocked the vehicle DeJesus was riding in down a two-story cliff.

DeJesus woke up in Germany with a fractured ankle and back, dislocated hip, and a TBI. Through individual and group therapy he's come a long way since, he said, but still has trouble with his memory and is easily irritated.

"It's a long process of healing," he said. "I see myself improving slowly and am thankful the Army has a really good program for TBI."

On the battlefield, Soldiers involved in a potentially concussive event, such as feeling dazed after an explosion, must undergo a medical evaluation and a minimum rest period. Experts are on hand in theater to identify and treat service members, and to refer them to a higher level of care if needed.

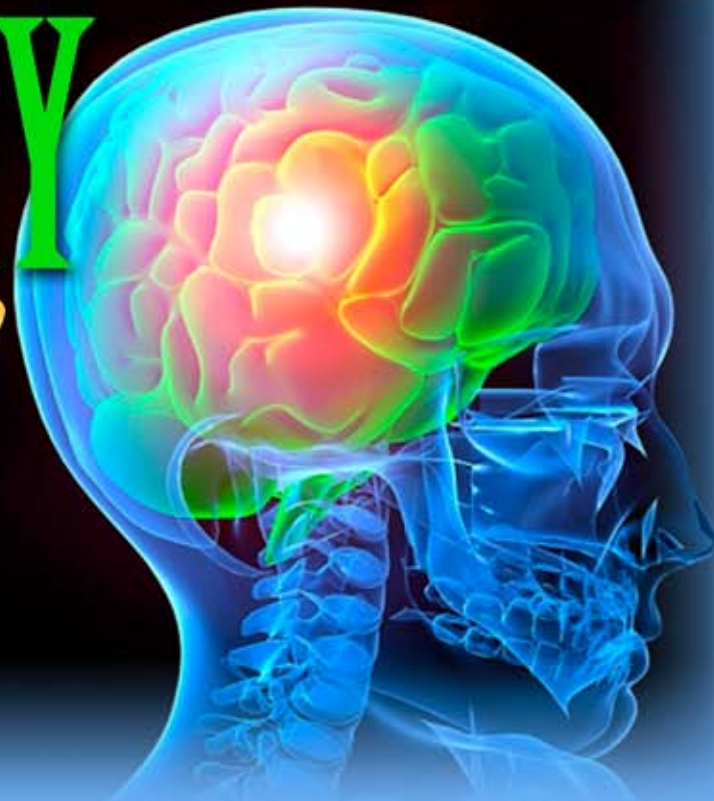
More than 90 percent of those with a TBI will fully recover; however, recovery hinges on the severity and location of the injury, Kennedy explained. In all cases, experts agree that a patient's best course of action is to seek care as quickly as possible since rest is a vital component in concussive recovery.

Education is another vital com-



Photo by Lori Newman

Sgt. Ed Matayka spends a quiet moment with his wife, Karen, at the Warrior and Family Support Center near San Antonio Military Medical Center. The Vermont National Guard medic lost both legs and suffered a brain injury after a roadside bomb blew up his vehicle in Afghanistan in July 2010.





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### Monthly Events

April

#### Service Member and Family Readiness

##### Members learn new resume techniques

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center staff teaches new techniques for developing a resume April 3, 9-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

##### Training geared toward strengthening families

Family Resiliency Training offers Hunt the Good Stuff, April 3, noon-1:30 p.m., and Problem Solving, April 10, 1-3 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797. Hunt the Good Stuff teaches DOD ID cardholders to counter the negativity bias, create positive emotions and notice and analyze what is good. Problem Solving teaches participants to identify causes of problems and how to identify solution strategies. Another class, Put it in Perspective, April 16, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Navy and Air Force Education Center, 4011A Hood Street, teaches participants to stop catastrophic thinking, reduce anxiety and improve problem solving by identifying the worst, best and most likely outcomes of a situation. For more information, call 221-9079 or 221-0626.

##### Expectant parents receive information on parenting

Expectant parents are invited to a new-parents' presentation featuring how to budget for baby and tips on dental and pediatric care April 5, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center. The presentation is open to all DOD ID cardholders. Active-duty attendees receive a bundle of baby supplies. To sign up, call 652-5321.

##### Newcomers get started on the right foot

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts an orientation for newcomers April 8 and 29, 8-11 a.m. For more information, call the Military Personnel Section at 652-1845.

##### Airmen prepare for civilian life

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness holds a five-day Transition Assistance Program to teach military members skills for a successful transition to civilian life. A pre-separation briefing and completion of DD Form 2648 are the prerequisites for attendance. Patrons may elect to attend April 8-12 or April 22-26. Sessions are 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up, call 671-3722.

##### Service members, families get answers on citizenship

Service members, civilians and family members with questions about citizenship and immigration issues are encouraged to attend the forum April 9, noon-2 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center on Fort Sam Houston. Local citizenship and immigration representatives will be available to answer questions and to offer information. To sign up, call 221-2418.

##### Families prepare for overseas duty

Service members and their families preparing to move overseas will find useful information at the Overseas Orientation Class, April 10, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center. The class offers tips to assure a smooth transition overseas. For more information, call 221-2418.

##### Armed Forces Team Building course builds skills

New service members and their family members can take advantage of the AFTB Level 1 course April 10 and 11, 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center on Fort Sam Houston. This course provides information on the basic structure of military life and also offers an opportunity to update personal skills. For more information, call 221-2611.

##### Support program orients new spouses

All spouses new to the military are welcome to attend Heart Link April 11, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center to learn about the support services and programs the Air Force offers. To sign up, call 652-5321.

##### Patrons learn resume techniques

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness holds a resume class April 13, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Patrons will learn common formats for resume writing, cover letters and reference lists. To sign up, call 671-3722.

##### Classes provide first step to military separation

The Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center provides mandatory pre-separation classes for military members who are retiring or voluntarily separating. The classes for retirees are April 16 and 30, 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons may choose either date to attend. The class can be taken anytime between 90 days and two years before a member's retirement date. A class for members voluntarily separating takes place April 18, 9 a.m.-noon. To sign up, call 671-3722.

##### Lackland supports newcomers with orientation

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness hosts a Right Start newcomers' orientation at the Gateway Club April 17 and 24, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The orientation is mandatory for all Air Force members who are newly assigned to Lackland. Attendees may choose to attend either date. To sign up, personnel should contact their unit personnel coordinator or commander support element.

##### Exceptional Family Member Program offers support group

EFMP hosts its monthly support group April 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-2962 or email usaf.502-fss-cfmp@mail.mil.

##### Learn about survivor benefit planning

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center helps the service member and spouse familiarize themselves with the options and advantages of a survivor benefit plan April 22, 8-9:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. To sign up, call 652-3633.

##### Learn to be financially prepared

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a financial readiness class April 23, 9-10:30 a.m., aimed at preparing today's Airmen for financial challenges through education and training. For more information, call 652-5321.

##### Equestrian Center hosts children in the Exceptional Family Member Program

The Special Olympics Equestrian Event April 27, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center is open to EFMP-identified children, ages 8 and older, who are physically able to ride on a horse and participate in equestrian activities. For more information, call 221-2962.

#### Arts and Crafts

##### Learn to make a Fiesta medal

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a Fiesta medal-making class April 3, 5:30-7 p.m. The fee is \$8 per person and all supplies are included. To sign up, call 671-2515 by April 1.

##### Arts and Crafts Center holds Fiesta medal contest

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a Fiesta medal contest April 5. Patrons are invited to submit their own original creations. Medals must measure 3 by 3 inches, not including the hanging ribbon. Judging is based on originality, family-friendliness and Fiesta spirit. The winner of the contest receives two tickets to this year's Battle of Flowers Parade. For more information, call 671-2515.

##### Car owners learn basic maintenance

The Lackland Auto Hobby Shop holds an automotive vehicle maintenance class April 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Topics include tune-ups, conducting visual inspections, lubrication, emission control, brakes, tires and air conditioning. The fee is \$30 and the class is open to ages 16 and older. To sign up, call 671-3549 by April 11.

#### Bowling

##### Win money while bowling

The Randolph Colorama bowling takes place April 12, 7 p.m. Customers can win money if they strike on the posted combination of colored pins. The entry fee is \$15 per person with optional side pots available. For more information, call 652-6271.



### American Idol contestant performs at Open Microphone Night

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts Open Microphone Night April 13, 8-11 p.m., in Primo's Lounge. Former 2012 American Idol contestant Dylan Lozza performs. All other singers, musicians and poets are invited to step up on the stage as well. For more information, call 671-1234.

### Bowling Center celebrates Month of the Military Child

Youth, ages 12 and younger, bowl for free any Sunday in April, 1-4 p.m., at the Randolph Bowling Center when accompanied by an adult who also bowls. Shoe rental is not included. For more information, call 652-6271.

### Bowlers go cosmic

Cosmic bowling with glow-in-the-dark balls and pins, laser lights and music takes place every Friday, 9 p.m.-midnight, and Saturday, 7 p.m.-midnight, at the Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. A DJ plays music the third Saturday of the month. For more information, call 671-1234.

### Clubs

#### Parr Club offers special meal on the deck

The Randolph Parr Club is featuring smoked sausage for \$5 or grilled chicken breast for \$6 April 4 on the deck. Nonmembers pay \$2 more. The dinner includes a fresh salad bar, vegetables and desserts. The bar is open from 4:30-9 p.m. and the meal is available 5-7 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Floodgate. For more information, call 652-4864.

#### Club to hold Mother's Day buffet

The Randolph Parr Club offers a Mother's Day buffet May 12 with seating times every half-hour from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The price of the buffet is \$22.75 per adult for members, \$11.50 for members' children ages 6-12, \$25.75 per adult for nonmembers and \$12.95 for nonmembers' children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations open for Randolph club members April 16 and all others may make reservations starting April 24. For more information, call 652-4864.

#### Gateway Club celebrates Fiesta

Lackland Gateway Club holds a Fiesta party in the Lonestar Lounge April 19, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. The event features DJ Doggin' Dave, food and a dance contest. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Chef prepares special dinner

Lackland Gateway Club presents a special chef's dinner April 19, 5-8 p.m., featuring bacon-wrapped beef tenderloin with Béarnaise sauce, fried shrimp, potatoes, green beans and salad. The price is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Administrative professionals honored with special lunch

Lackland Gateway Club holds an Administrative Professional's Day lunch buffet April 24, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu features entrees of roast beef, maple-glazed chicken breasts, stuffed pork chops and seafood Newburg. A variety of salads, soups, desserts and beverages is also included. A small gift for administrative

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professionals is available while supplies last. The price is \$8.95 for administrative professionals and \$9.95 for all other patrons. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Kendrick Club hosts Bob Carter Classic

The Bob Carter Golf Classic takes place April 26, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. The registration fee includes a round of golf, use of a cart, gift bag, lunch on the course, refreshments and a dinner banquet at the golf course. Cost varies depending on membership status. Handicap information is needed at the time of registration. This event is sponsored by Silver Eagle Distributors. To make a reservation or for cost information, call 652-4864.

### Community Programs

#### Cowboys for Heroes brings out the western in everyone

Service members, civilians, retirees and their families are welcome to get a taste of the cowboy life at the Annual Cowboys for Heroes, April 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. The day is packed with western family fun including live music, horse-riding performances, mutton busting and the much-anticipated chuck wagon cooking. For more information, call 224-7207.

#### Idol Factor rocks the club

Idol Factor April 11, 18, 25 and May 3, 6 p.m., at the Randolph Parr Club features great entertainment. Food and beverages are available for purchase throughout the evening. All DOD ID cardholders are invited to attend and vote for their favorite

contestant. Idol Factor is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Broadway Bank and Silver Eagle Distributors. For more information, call 267-7358.

#### Broadway Divas Hits Harlequin Stage

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre on Fort Sam Houston presents "Broadway Divas" through April 20. The show features hit songs from Cabaret, West Side Story, 42nd Street, Hairspray, Les Miserables, A Chorus Line, Wicked, My Fair Lady, Phantom of the Opera, Fosse, Cats, Funny Girl and more. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. To make a reservation, call the box office at 222-9694.

#### Performers compete in annual talent contest

The annual UGT-You Got Talent contest April 26, 6 p.m., at Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center is open to individuals, groups and family acts, ages 6 and older. Adults may perform as part of a family or husband and wife act. For more information and registration, call Arnold Hall, 671-2619 or the Lackland Youth Center, 671-2388.

#### Talent workshop hones performance skills

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center offers a four-session talent workshop every month. Patrons learn microphone techniques, stage presence, showmanship, wardrobe selection and the basics of the entertainment business. The class fee is \$15 per session. To sign up, call 671-2619.

#### Performing arts group presents musical theater

The Lackland Performing Arts Group presents "Don't Be Tripping-It's the '80s" at Arnold Hall, May 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. The show centers on a downtown community center in danger of closing its doors due to funding cuts but the counselors and kids work together to save the center. Music from the 1980s is featured and patrons are asked to dress in 1980s costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Ticket prices are \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors ages 65 and older, basic military trainees and technical training students, and \$5 for children under the age of 12. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Arnold Hall or at the door. For more information, call 671-2619.

### Fitness and Sports

#### Fitness Center appreciates customers

Randolph's Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day April 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., to thank customers for choosing the fitness center for their workouts. The fitness center staff will provide tours of the facility to familiarize patrons with the workout areas. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Teams compete for national championship title

Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center hosts the National Military Basketball Championship tournament April 12-14, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. The top two teams from each military basketball conference will compete for the national championship. Admission is free. For more information, call 671-2632.

#### Competitors register for Army Ten-Miler

Active-duty service members on Fort Sam Houston are welcome to test their skills at the Army Ten-Miler May 5, 7 a.m., at the Central Post Gym on Fort Sam Houston. The run is designated for active-duty, varsity-level athletes who are actively training. Male participants should have an 8-minute-mile or faster pace. Female participants should have a 10-minute mile or faster pace. The top five active-duty military men and women qualify to represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. The registration deadline is April 26. For more information, call 808-5710.

#### Athletes get tested in new competition

DOD ID cardholders are invited to enter the lottery for participation in the first ever Strong Man/Woman Competition May 18, 7 a.m., at the fitness center at the Medical Education Training Campus on Fort Sam Houston. Contestants will begin the event by competing in the Armed Forces Day 5K, followed by the strength aspect of the competition which will include a car drag, dumbbell hold, keg carry, tire flip and ammo carry. Contestants will be judged in each event and scores will be compiled with awards going to the first, second and third place winners in both the male and female categories. The event is limited to 20 contestants in each category. Those interested in participating need to enter the lottery by May 1. Fitness staff will contact the players, whose names have been drawn May 3. For more information, call 808-5709.

#### Patrons spin their way to fitness

Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center holds a spin class Monday-Friday, 5-6 a.m. The fee is \$2 per person. For more information, call 671-2016.

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#### Lackland offers new fitness classes

Lackland Medina Fitness Center introduces two new fitness classes this month. The Functional Fitness Training class is held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-1 p.m. The focus is on core stability and muscle training by simulating common movements used at home, work or in sports. The Get in Gear class takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. The program centers on interval training to build strength, muscle endurance and fat loss. Both classes are free of charge. For more information, call 671-4477.

### Golf

#### Fort Sam Houston Golf Club hosts monthly scramble

The Wounded Warrior Four-Person Golf Tournament, April 5, 12:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, offers 18 holes and camaraderie for service members, their families and guests. The tournament costs \$35 for nonmembers and \$25 for members. The fee includes dinner and an entry to win prizes at the pro shop. For more information, call 222-9386.

#### Randolph Oaks hosts Masters Blind Draw

Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the Masters Blind Draw tournament April 6. The tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10, plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

#### Gateway Hills holds six-month shootout competition

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course begins the Michelob Ultra Nine-Hole Shootout contest April 18. The tournament runs every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., through October 24. Competitors play a two-man blind draw, alternate shot. Prizes will be awarded weekly. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

#### Ticket Office offers discount tickets

The Ticket Office in the Fort Sam Houston Community Center has discounted tickets for the San Antonio Spurs, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld, Universal Studios Orlando and Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 808-1378.

#### Have fun at the Grand Casino

Randolph ITT hosts several trips throughout the year to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, La. with the next trip scheduled for May 14-15. A trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations and a voucher for \$23 from the casino. The cost for this trip is \$60 for double occupancy or \$120 for single occupancy. No reservations, cancellations or changes will be made within two weeks of the trip. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day. For more information, call 652-5142, option two.

### Library

#### Library holds Month of the Military Child events

The Randolph Library has many events scheduled in recognition of the military child. There will be a book giveaway April 3, 10 a.m., for all children who attend story time. The library will also host a

Wii Dance Night April 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m. for youth, ages 8-13 and a Game Night April 18, 4-6 p.m., for pre-teens and teens. Finally, a scavenger hunt April 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m., for children of all ages will cap off the tribute. For more information, call 652-2617.

#### Preschoolers entertained at story time

Stories, crafts and songs are all part of the weekly story time at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library on Fort Sam Houston. The next story times are April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4702.

#### Library hosts gaming Sunday

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library on Fort Sam Houston hosts its monthly Gaming Day April 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Gamers can choose from Xbox, Wii and PS3 and are also welcome to pull out some old-fashioned board games like chess and checkers. For more information, call 221-4702.

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#### National Library Week celebrated on Fort Sam Houston

National Library Week, April 14 -20, is the perfect time to check out the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library for information on how to access e-books and e-zines. Special information days will be April 17, 9 a.m. and April 18, 1 p.m. The library staff will be available to walk patrons through the latest digital tools, including phone apps and portable devices for accessing online reading material. For more information, call 221-4702.

#### Library holds open house

The Lackland Library invites patrons to a National Library Week open house April 17, 1-3 p.m., to explore the valuable resources the library offers. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and to





Courtesy photo

Army Spc. Kevin Wear, a radio telephone operator, talks on the radio while deployed in Afghanistan last year. Wear suffered a brain injury when the armored vehicle he was riding in hit a roadside bomb in August 2012.

ponent, Kennedy noted, and the Army is working to raise awareness about brain injuries, including prevention, diagnosis and treatment. According to the Office of the Surgeon General, the Army has invested more than \$800 million in research and development activities to better identify and treat brain injuries.

At SAMMC, several neuroimaging studies are under way to improve diagnostic and detection capability, Kennedy said, and experts at the TBI Clinic are looking at cognitive rehabilitation's benefit for service members who have suffered a mild TBI.

Leaders also are working to combat the stigma to seeking care. They encourage battle buddies and family members to keep an eye out for any changes following a head injury and to encourage Soldiers to seek care.

Army Sgt. Edward Matayka said he doesn't want to be

treated differently because his brain "got rattled."

The Vermont National Guard medic lost both legs and suffered a spinal injury, back and face fractures, a TBI and a stroke after a roadside bomb blew up his vehicle in Afghanistan in July 2010.

Having a brain injury "doesn't mean you're broken," he said. "You just have to learn mechanisms to deal with it and to deal with the different way you may have to process stuff. I'm still the same person."

Wear said he gets frustrated at times, particularly when he forgets a name or how to spell a word, but doesn't let that deter him. He practices memory tricks and studies words up to two hours a night to speed his recovery.

"I don't want people to think any differently about me," he said. As a dad and as a Soldier, "I feel like there's a lot more I can do."



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# IMCOM celebrates Month of the Military Child

By Amanda Rodriguez  
IMCOM Public Affairs



April is the Month of the Military Child and a time to focus national attention on the youngest members of the military community.

This year's theme, "Proud, Ready & Resilient," highlights military children's unique lifestyle and their ability to succeed despite frequent relocations, reintegration, deployments, loss or care for a wounded parent.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is charged with the care of approximately 53,000 children in child development centers and 45,216 youth in school-age services programs

worldwide.

IMCOM recognizes the resiliency of the Army community's youngest members by putting a spotlight on these extraordinary individuals.

"IMCOM is committed to ensuring families receive a combination of programs and resources at appropriate times and venues that provide nurturing, resilient environments where families thrive," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general.

Across the Army, leaders will celebrate children's contributions and recognize their sacrifices through teen lock-ins, youth bike rodeos, children's book fairs, parades and other events.

"The Month of the Military Child affirms the Army's commitment to military children," Ferriter said. "For IMCOM, that means recognizing their critical role and continuing to offer the best possible education, childcare and youth services commensurate with their families' service and sacrifice."

"People are at the heart of what we do. During the Month of the Military Child, I hope military communities will join IMCOM in recognizing the accomplishments of our amazing young people."

For more information about Month of the Military Child, visit [www.armymwr.com/momc](http://www.armymwr.com/momc).

# Pentagon delays sending furlough notices to civilian workforce

Pentagon officials have put off sending furlough notices to civilian employees until they've had a chance to analyze how pending legislation that would fund the federal government for the rest of the fiscal year will affect the Defense Department.

Officials now estimate that furlough notices will go out on or about April 5, said Navy Cmdr. Leslie Hull-Ryde, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

"The legislation could have some impact on the overall number of furlough days, but no decisions have been reached, especially since the legislation hasn't been signed into law," Hull-



Ryde said. "The number of furlough days at this point remains at 22."

Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said the delay makes sense.

"We believe the delay is a responsible step to take in order to assure

our civilian employees that we do not take lightly the prospect of furloughs and the resulting decrease in employee pay," he said.

*(Source: American Forces Press Service)*

## NCIS REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN SKETCH ID

The Naval Criminal Investigative Services Central Field Office is attempting to identify the person in this sketch as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. This person would have been stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston during the November 2011 time frame and was known as "Aaron." Contact Special Agent Leslie Smith at (301) 295-6159 with any information.



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# International Military Student Office a passport to medical training

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

A first-time visitor to the International Military Student Office, located on the first floor of the Army Medical Department Center and School, might think they have walked into a small museum, as the office is decorated with artifacts from more than 80 countries.

Students from countries such as Algeria, Armenia, Germany, Egypt, Mongolia, Denmark, Italy, Korea, Lebanon, Norway, Slovenia, Singapore, Sweden, the Philippines, Canada, Georgia and Hungary – just to name a few – pass through these doors to attend a variety of medical courses at the AMEDDC&S.

The artifacts are small gifts from the students presented to the office as thanks for the hospitality they receive while attending medical training.

Officials from the State Department decide which countries participate in the training under the DOS/Department of Defense Security Assistance Training Program. The daily population is 30 to 60 students attending multiple courses, with the

longest being the captains career course.

“We currently have more than 70 courses that are made available to the international community. These range from initial entry training such as the health care specialist and combat medic courses, to post-graduate courses or short courses,” said Oscar Ramos-Rivera, director of the International Military Student Office. “We recently opened the Baylor Health Administration program which is a master’s degree program.”

Students, whether officers or enlisted, attend courses such as the health care specialist course, basic officer leader course, the medical logistics course, or the biomedical equipment maintenance technician course, just to name a few.

“If the candidate meets the affiliation requirements, then we can accept them in the program,” Ramos-Rivera said.

“We have veterinary doctors attend the enlisted course for food inspectors,” Rivera said, adding that veterinary courses are very popular



Photo by Esther Garcia

Blanca Wheeler (second from left) of International Military Student Office, visits with (from left) Staff Sgt. Jiewen Louis Chen from Singapore and Sgts. Devis Lando and Luca Formisano from Italy. After completing the Healthcare Specialist Course, the students will have follow on training at Fort Bragg, Calif. Wheeler and the staff of IMSO frequently become a second family to the students, advising them which stores to shop, the best restaurants to eat and even inviting them to barbecues.

with foreign countries, particularly those with large armies that have their own farms for animals and produce.

In addition to AMEDDC&S, students attend formal and observer training at a variety of locations, including the Noncommissioned Officer Academy; the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute and at the Medical Education and Training Campus at

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Non-English speaking students also attend the Defense Language School at JBSA-Lackland. The State Department requires a certain score in the English language, with enlisted personnel scoring 70 percent and officers 80 percent.

“For the most part, we

use simulation training and limit some things to observation, but the student must meet all the same requirements as their American counterpart in order to graduate,” Ramos-Rivera said. “We have a policy letter from the office of the Army surgeon general that regulates the scope of practice that international students and exchange officers can engage in while here.”

Most foreign students wear more than one hat in their respective armies, so after attending medical training at AMEDDC&S, they might move to Fort Benning, Ga., for airborne training or to Fort Bragg, N.C., to spend one year with Special Forces, or head to other schools to attend non-medical training.

Ramos-Rivera said the program is a long-term investment for the United States.

“Many of the young officers I met in the 1970s or 1980s are now senior officers and or civilians working in support of the American coalition,” he said. “It is a way for us to promote a great way of life.”

Working with foreign students came naturally for Ramos-Rivera. During his military career, Rivera was a military advisor in Latin America, spent a year in Saudi Arabia, worked with NATO and

was also in the Middle East during the first Gulf War.

In 1972, he was involved with humanitarian efforts and deployed with teams to other countries which led to his position as security assistance training officer. Ramos-Rivera speaks Spanish, Portuguese and some German, so he sometimes acts as an unofficial interpreter for the students.

A key program in the International Student Office is the Field Studies Program. The director of the Field Studies Program is a position mandated by Congress and each international student office must have this position.

“We have the students see our democratic system, to include our penal, judicial and political systems,” said Ervin Talley, program manager for the field studies program and deputy to the director.

“Students in the Captains Career Course have a chance to visit Washington, D.C. Students also visit the Texas capitol in Austin, as well as Dallas and Houston,” Talley said.

“It is almost like Congress is saying we want you to bring them over and teach them about our democracy. We want them to go back to their country with an emphasis in human rights. Hopefully, we taught them something right.”

## UFC fighters bring excitement of sport to JBSA service members, families

By Robert Goetz  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph  
Public Affairs

A quintet of Ultimate Fighting Championship competitors brought the excitement and intensity of mixed martial arts to Joint Base San Antonio this month.

The five fighters –

Shane Del Rosario, Ian “Uncle Creepy” McCall, Francisco Rivera, Giva “The Arm Collector”

Santana and Jeremy “Li’l Heathen” Stephens – displayed the techniques that combine elements of boxing, wrestling, jujitsu, tae kwon do and other disciplines during demonstrations at JBSA-Fort Sam

Houston, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Lackland March 14 through 16.

Their visit concluded with an autograph session and the viewing of a televised UFC match at JBSA-Lackland’s Skylark Community Center.

The demonstrations were as much an educational experience for the

fighters as they were for the active-duty members who watched them and talked to them.

“We learn a lot from these guys, so we want to give back as much as possible,” said McCall, a UFC flyweight. “It’s good motivation for us.”

Santana, a middleweight who grew up in

Brazil, said he enjoyed interacting with service members.

“I’m learning a lot from them,” he said. “It gives purpose to what we’re doing.”

Rivera, who competes in the bantamweight category, called the visit to JBSA “a great opportunity” for the fighters. He

drew a parallel between basic military trainees and the fighters after witnessing a BMT graduation March 15 at JBSA-Lackland.

“It’s definitely a different experience, but in some ways it’s similar to our training, except



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they're younger," he said.

The fighters, who live and train in Orange County, Calif., have varied backgrounds that prepared them for UFC competition.

For instance, McCall was a wrestler in college and Santana's experience is in jujitsu. "I started jujitsu in Brazil more than 20 years ago," he said.

The fighters gave demonstrations at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the Rambler Fitness Center at JBSA-Randolph and the Combatives Lab and Skylark Community Center at JBSA-Lackland.

Active-duty members dominated the audiences at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland, but families were a big presence at JBSA-Randolph, said Abbie Pollard, Sky-

lark and Kisling Community Centers manager.

"They had a real blast with the families," she said. "The fighters showed participants floor work, blocking work and take-downs. They also talked about their careers in the UFC, their wins and losses and what it's like to be in the octagon."

The octagon is the eight-sided mat and cage where UFC fights take place.

The fighters' visit to JBSA was hosted by the Single Airman Initiative, which is endorsed by the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, administered by Headquarters Air Force Services Agency and operated by force support squadrons, Pollard said.

"This initiative provides programs, classes and equipment to our single military members at no cost to them," she said.

The UFC demonstrations honor one of single



Photo by Airman 1st Class David Cooper

Ultimate fighter Jeremy Heathen (right) teaches a Soldier the proper fighting stance during the Ultimate Fighter Championship demonstration event March 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Professional UFC fighters came out to support troops and teach different fighting techniques.

Airmen's most common requests, Pollard said.

"We went to single military members and asked them what they wanted," she said. "One of the biggest things was a UFC

pay-per-view event. Other bases are hearing about what we're doing. They're excited that UFC fighters are willing to come here and spend time with the troops."

## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES APRIL 1 – 6

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

**Tuesday**  
State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, fourth grade, writing  
STAAR, fifth grade, math testing

**Wednesday**  
STAAR, fourth grade, writing  
STAAR, fifth grade, math testing

**Thursday**  
U.S. Army Environmental Command Earth Day Lorax activities, pre-k, kindergarten, first and second grades, 8 to 10 a.m.

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools

**Monday**  
STAAR, English I & III Writing, end of course testing

**Tuesday**  
STAAR, English I and III reading, end of course testing  
STAAR, seventh grade, writing,

day 1 of testing  
STAAR, eighth grade math testing

**Wednesday**  
STAAR, English II writing, end of course testing  
STAAR, seventh grade, writing, day 2 of testing  
STAAR, eighth grade, reading

**Thursday**  
STAAR English II Reading End Of Course testing  
Baseball vs. Dilley, varsity only, 4:30 p.m.  
Middle school Honor Roll Assembly during periods 4, 5 and Pride  
Track at Randolph junior varsity/varsity, finals only

**April 5**  
Baseball vs. Natalia, varsity only, 4:30 p.m.  
Cole Goodwill Fashion Show, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Middle school track at Dilley

**April 6**  
Baseball vs. Natalia, junior varsity only, 10 a.m.



### Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, 6:30-7:30 a.m., front courtyard of the Gift Chapel, 1605 Wilson Way. Call 221-5432.

### Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Volunteer Program is accepting volunteer nominations for an awards ceremony and luncheon to be held May 1, 1 p.m. at the Sam Houston Community Center. Send volunteer nominations or request a nomination packet via email to JBSAvolunteers@gmail.com by Monday. Call 221-9848 or 221-9196, for more information.

### Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

### Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Pre-Deployment Planning

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

### H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

### Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Word Level 1

Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

### Unit Family Readiness

Wednesday, 8-10 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0626 or 221-0946.

### First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Employment Readiness Job Fair

Wednesday, 4-7 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

### ScreamFree Marriage

Wednesday, April 10, 17 and 24, 6-8 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel. Call 221-0349

### Word Level 2

Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2705.

### Virtual Family Readiness Group

Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

### Family Readiness Group Forum

Thursday, noon-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

### Master Resiliency "Hunt the Good Stuff"

Thursday, noon-1:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0626 or 221-0946.

### Man-to-Man

April 5, noon-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

### Wounded Warrior Monthly Scramble

April 5, 12:30 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. The tournament costs \$35 for nonmembers and \$25 for members. The fee includes dinner and an entry to win prizes at the pro shop. Call 222-9386.

### CYSS Baseball Season Opener

April 6, 9-10 a.m., Youth Sports Complex, Dodd Field. The first pitch will be followed by festivities paying tribute to the Month of the Military Child with free pizza, games and entertainment from 10 a.m.-noon. Call 221-3502.

### Cowboys for Heroes

April 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. The day is packed with free western family fun including live music, horse-riding performances and the much-anticipated chuck wagon cooking. Call 224-7207.

### Holocaust Days of Remembrance

April 10, noon-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Guest speaker is Holocaust survivor Rose Sherman Williams. Call 221-0417

### Army Family Team Building Level 1

April 10 and 11, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0918 or 221-2611.

### National Library Week April 14-20

Special information days will be 9 a.m. April 17 and 1 p.m. April 18 at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. The library staff will be available to walk patrons through the latest digital tools, including phone apps and portable devices for accessing your favorite online reading material. Call 221-4702.

### Summer Camp

Weekday summer camp registration opens 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15 for youth, ages 5-18 at Parent Central, Building 2797. The office is closed for lunch 1-2 p.m. The camp runs weekdays from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Active duty single and dual will register April 15 and 16 and all others will begin registering April 17. Call 221-4871.

### Federal Resume Writing

April 17, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

### Broadway Divas

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, through April 20 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for ticket information.

### Jazz & Wine Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for the Jazz & Wine event 8 p.m. April 26 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$35 or \$45 at the door. Visit <http://goo.gl/RfMGk> or [ArmyMWR.com/JAZZ](http://ArmyMWR.com/JAZZ).

### Operation Megaphone

Teens are invited to Operation Megaphone Worldwide Lock-in 9 p.m. April 26 to 7 a.m. April 27 at the Middle School Teen Center,

Building 2515. Teens will enjoy a night of sports, food and movies. The cost is \$5 per teen. Call 221-3630.

### EFMP, Special Olympics Equestrian Event

April 27, 9 a.m.-noon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. Call 221-2962.

### Army Ten-Miler Qualifier

Active duty service members on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston are welcome to test their skills at the Army Ten-Miler 7 a.m. May 5 at the Central Post Gym. The run is designated for active duty, varsity-level athletes who are actively training. Male participants should have no more than an 8-minute-mile pace. Female participants should have no more than a 10-minute-mile pace. The top five active duty military men and women qualify to represent JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. The registration deadline is April 26. Call 808-5710.

### Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., the Fitness Center on the METC, stroll on the indoor track and win prizes. Call 808-5709.

### SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

### Cheer Coaches Needed

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is looking for volunteers to coach children 5-12 years of age for the 2013 cheer season. Volunteer coaches must be at least 21 years old and willing to commit for the entire season, August through November. All volunteer coaches are required to complete an application and consent to a background check. Call 221-5519 or 221-4492.

### JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office is located in the Sam Houston Community Center and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Call 808-1378.

### Catfish Pond Reopen

Saturday and Sunday, noon-6

p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

### San Antonio Australian Football Club

High school and college athletes are invited to play in the San Antonio Australian Football Club. Practices held on Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m. on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the fields between Artillery Post, New Braunfels, Stanley, and Liscum Roads. Call 382-5305, 830-556-9397 or 426-7655.

### Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

### Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Extends Hours

The Jimmy Brought is now open 4 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. federal holidays. Indoor pool hours are 5 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Call 221-1234.

### Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

### Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

### Parent Central Customer Service

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. for registration and 12:30 to 1 p.m.

for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

### Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

### School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Visit <http://www.portsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214 or 221-2256.

### Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

### Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

### Pet Consult Services Available

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappro-



# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## Comfort Easter Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club is hosting a 5k, 7k, and 10k walk Saturday starting at the Comfort Community Park, 630 State Highway 27, in Comfort. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-995-2421.

## Transitions: A Female Focus on the Homefront

The San Antonio Public Library is partnering with the San Antonio

Coalition for Veterans to present programs to help veterans deal with transition to civilian life. A program will be held 2-4 p.m. April 6 at the Central Library, 600 Soledad Street. The seminar will offer advice on overcoming obstacles to entering the job market and barriers that come up during their job search. Four specialists will discuss these topics, with a special emphasis placed on assisting female veterans, military wives and caregivers. Visit <http://www.mysapl.org>.

## Battle Mind vs. Civilian Mind: Understanding Military

The San Antonio Public Library is partnering with the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans to present programs to help veterans deal with

transition to civilian life. A program will be held 2-4 p.m. April 13 at the Memorial Library, 3222 Culebra. Psychologist Dr. Kelly Arneemann will explain why veterans return home changed and will offer a better understanding of the veteran everyone wants to know. Visit <http://www.mysapl.org>.

## Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

## FOR SALE:

2009 Subaru Forester all-wheel-drive, dark gray metallic, automatic with sport shift, premium package, moon roof, privacy tint, all-season radial tires, 47,000 miles, one owner, excellent condition, \$15,750. Text or call 857-3729.

**FOR SALE:** Entertainment cabinet, solid wood, has closing doors, three drawers and several component spaces. 69.5 inches high, 41.5 inches wide, 21 inches deep, \$125. Call 666-0502 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** Rascal wheelchair, never used, \$700 obo. Call 661-3765.



# CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## PROTESTANT SERVICES

**Sundays**  
**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way  
 8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional  
**Dodd Field Chapel**  
 Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.  
 8:30 a.m. - Samoan  
 10:30 a.m. - Gospel  
**Army Medical Department**  
**Regimental Chapel**  
 Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.  
 9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Collective Service  
**Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel**  
 Building 3600,  
 3851 Roger Brooke Rd.  
 10 a.m. - Traditional  
**Evans Auditorium**  
 Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.  
 11:01 - Contemporary  
 "Crossroads"

**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way  
 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday  
**Saturday**  
**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation  
 5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass  
**Sunday**  
 8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD  
 8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC  
 9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC  
 11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC  
 12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

## JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC  
 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC

## ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

## LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday, AMEDD

## BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services, Sunday, AMEDD

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

**Daily Mass**  
 Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel  
 Building 3600,  
 3851 Roger Brooke Rd.  
 11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

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private elimination and tail chasing. Call 671-3631/2245.

## Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

## Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension,

vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

## SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs

The SAT and ACT PowerPrep™ Programs are available online or DVD, and include more than 11 hours of video instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations. Eligible recipients included service members from all branches of the military who are active duty, retired, veterans, Guard, Reserve, DOD employees, contractors and civilians performing military support. The eKnowledge Sponsorship covers the complete \$200 purchase price for the standard SAT or ACT Test Preparation Program. There is a nominal charge of \$17.55 to \$19.99 per standard program for the cost of materials, support, streaming and shipping. Each SAT

or ACT test preparation program has a one-year license from the day the product is ordered. To place an order, visit <http://www.eKnowledge.com/MAFB> or call 951-256-4076.

## Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

## Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 4011A, off Reynolds and Wilson Way. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

## Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the

second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

## Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

## Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

## Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

# HOLY WEEK MASSES AND SERVICES



## GOOD FRIDAY

**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 Building 2200  
 1605 Wilson Way  
 11:30 a.m. - Catholic

**Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel**  
 Building 3600  
 3851 Roger Brooke Road  
 11:05 a.m. - Solemn Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel**  
 Building 1398  
 3545 Garden Ave  
 Noon - Protestant  
 7 p.m. - Catholic

## HOLY SATURDAY

**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 Building 2200  
 1605 Wilson Way  
 8 p.m. - Holy Saturday Mass

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
 Building 2200  
 1605 Wilson Way  
 6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise  
 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass  
 11 a.m. - Protestant

**Dodd Field Chapel**  
 Building 1721  
 3600 Dodd Blvd.  
 10:30 a.m. - Gospel  
 12:30 - Catholic Mass

**Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel**  
 Building 1398  
 3545 Garden Ave.  
 8 a.m. - Catholic  
 9:20 a.m. - Contemporary  
 11:01 a.m. - Contemporary

**Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel**  
 Building 3600  
 3851 Roger Brooke Road  
 8:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass  
 10 a.m. - Protestant  
 11:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of March 27

**CURRENT LEVEL \* = 645.6'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**  
**Stage I - 660'**  
**Stage II - 650'**  
**Stage III - 642'**  
**Stage IV - 640.5'**  
**Stage V - 637'**

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



## Weekly Weather Watch

	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
San Antonio Texas	76° Cloudy	79° Cloudy	87° AM Clouds/PM Sun	88° AM Clouds/PM Sun	83° Isolated T-Storms	81° Scattered T-Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	64° Partly Cloudy	68° Sunny	68° Mostly Sunny	65° Mostly Sunny	66° Partly Cloudy	62° Partly Cloudy

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))